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Chair Tom Cole
Ranking Member Mike Quigley
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$219,190 for the Fathers and Families Center Building Rehabilitation project in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Fathers and Families Center located at 2835 North Illinois Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46208.

The funding would be used to rehabilitate the Fathers and Families Center's building and make it more technologically and structurally sound and family-friendly. The rehabilitation would include new siding, roof, security upgrades and IT infrastructure upgrades. These upgrades would allow for training to be held on site and be a long-term cost saving to the organization and allow Fathers and Families Center to enhance their role as a workforce training center.

The initiative is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will provide funds for costly building rehabilitation and allow limited current resources to be used towards direct programming instead of building repairs. This cost saving to the organization will allow them to provide more job training for men, increase help to low-income fathers to obtain high school equivalency diplomas and restore relationships with their children. This will strengthen families, the workforce and expand economic opportunities.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program which provides annual grants on a formula basis to states, cities, and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. The program is authorized under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended 42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



André Carson
Member of Congress